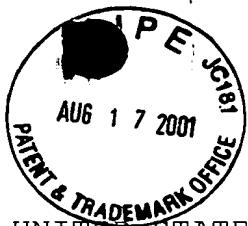


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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR  
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AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Notice to Comply, dated June 20, 2001, and prior to the examination of the above-described application, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--(5) The protein expression vector according to the above (4), wherein the spacer nucleotide sequence is anucleotide sequence encoding at least the amino acid sequence of Leu-Val-His-Gly-Lys-Leu (amino acid 24-29 of SEQ ID NO:19);--